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## **MAINEVILLE WOMAN SENTENCED TO 12 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR CONCEALING ASSETS IN BANKRUPTCY FILING**

CINCINNATI – Kristen Rosemary Faessler, age 28, of Maineville, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 12 months imprisonment for concealing assets when she filed for bankruptcy in 2005.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Daniel M. McDermott, United States Trustee, Region 9, (Ohio/Michigan), and Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Division, announced the sentence handed down today by Senior United States District Judge Herman J. Weber.

Faessler pleaded guilty on June 2, 2008 to one count of concealing assets in bankruptcy. In a statement of facts filed with her plea, she admitted that when she filed for bankruptcy in October 2005, she did not disclose that she had a checking account with a bank in northern Kentucky. That checking account held a balance of approximately \$89,516 on the day she filed for bankruptcy. Her sentence includes payment of \$29,516 in restitution to the U.S. Trustee, representing the amount which, after the Trustee successfully recovered \$60,000, should have been turned over for distribution to creditors.

After a serious car accident requiring a six-week hospital stay, Faessler received an insurance check for \$113,105 paid by her health insurance company directly to her, which was intended to pay for her medical expenses. Instead, Faessler deposited the money into the bank account of an acquaintance. When she filed for bankruptcy shortly thereafter, she did not disclose the insurance money that remained in the bank account.

Lockhart commended the investigation by the FBI and U.S. Trustee's Office, along with Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne L. Porter and Dean Wyman, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney and Trial Attorney, U.S. Trustee's office, who prosecuted the case.

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